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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN WHEAT GIFT TO EGYPT

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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO C. COYNEARE,
DIRECTOR, COMMERCIAL POLICY SECTION, DFA.
2. CONYBEARE SAID THAT IN MOST CASES THE NEGOTIATING PARTY
ON AUSTRALIAN SIDE FOR COMMERCIAL WHEAT SALES TO EGYPT WAS
AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD(AWB) WHICH HAS LIMITED AREA OF
MANEUVER IN GRANTING CONCESSIONAL SALES IN VIEW OF TIGHT
FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON IT. CONYBEARE SAID THAT
HE DID NOT THINK AWB CONCESSIONS TO EGYPT COULD BE MUCH
LARGER THIS YEAR THAN LAST, IF ANY.
3. CONYBEARE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT COULD, IF IT WISHED,
SWEETEN THE AWB POT, BUT THIS WOULD INVOLVE EXTENSIVE
INTERDEPARTMENTAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRY,
DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE AND DFA, AND WOULD HAVE TO BE
DECIDED IN CABINET. AS A NECESSARY PRECURSOR TO POSSIBLE
USE OF THIS PROCESS, CONYBEARE ASKED EMBASSY TO FORMALIZE
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OUR REQUEST, WHICH WE HAVE DONE THROUGH MEDIUM OF AIDE
MEMOIRE BASED ON REFTEL.

4. IN DISCUSSING COMMERCIAL SALES TO EGYPT, CONYBEARE
MENTIONED THAT WITHIN LAST TEN DAYS GOA HAD AUTHORIZED
20,000 TONNE WHEAT GRANT TO EGYPT UNDER AUSTRALIAN FOOD AID
PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT LAST TIME EGYPT HAD BEEN BENEFICIARY

UNDER THIS PROGRAM WAS IN 1975 WHEN 10,000 TONNES WERE
GRANTED.
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